# Amended Agenda INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTING

#### PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION MEETING

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 6pm Evansville FD 550 WE 8<sup>th</sup> St Evansville IN 47714 812-435-6235

- A Meeting called to order
- B. June minutes as submitted
- C Variance requests;
  - 1. Dan Siek is requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(e) to allow the following students, each of whom currently is 16 years of age and a junior, to take the written examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Operations,] prior to taking the practical skills examinations, with the variance to be valid until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday:

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655 IAC 1-1-12(h) to allow the following students to take the practical skills examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Operations] at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, with the variance to be valid until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday:

Matthew Benzenbower; Collin Billyeu; Blake Dietzer; Kody Eldridge; Brycen Hansen; Ryan Houser; Michael Pickett; Logan Wehrly; and Parker Rayne

Staff recommends approval.

2. Chris Gorbett is requesting a variance for 655 IAC 1-1-12(h) to allow the following students to take the practical skills examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Operations] at the age of 17 years and 1 week and have their passing score remain valid until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, with the variance to be valid until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday:

Bandon Baker; Tim Blye; Austin Bolden; Jacob Chase; Brenda Cordenas; Mitchell Dukes; Matthew Grammer; Keely Payne; Karsen Scheumann; Noah Vanderkleed and Matthew Welborn.

Staff recommends approval.

3. John Crothier, South Bend Community School Corp and Ivy Tech Community College is requesting a variance from 655 IAC 1-1-12(e) to allow the following students, each of whom currently is 16 years of age and a junior, to take the written examinations for [Mandatory, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter I/II, and Hazardous Materials Operations,] prior to taking the practical skills examinations, with the variance to be valid until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday:

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Roland Austin; Luke Catanzarite; Marco Chanon; Jordy Garcia; Taiwan Jackson; Vernon Johnson; Cesar Marques; Cortland Mayes; Ciara Robinson; Truman Spaulding; Stephen Torrijas; Joseph Wells; and Jalen Williams

Staff recommends approval.

4. Seth Nichols is requesting a variance for Instructor I based on his Bachelor of Science in Education from Indiana University. Mr. Nichols holds several fire certifications dating back to 2006 and has met the prerequisites for this certification.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing the instructor reciprocity test.

5. Jeff Wellman is requesting a variance for retesting. He failed an exam at the Jasper Fire School in 2014 and due to medical issues was not able to retest

within the 180 days. He is asking to be able to retest at this time and an extension on this practical skills.

Staff has no recommendation at this time.

6. Michele Zachary is requesting a variance for Instructor I. She holds a valid Primary Instructor, has several fire certifications and meets the prerequisite for the certification.

Staff recommends approval pending her passing the Instructor reciprocity test.

7. Ken Zuber is requesting a variance for Instructor I. He held Instructor II/III but it expired in 2009. He is asking for Instructor I based on being a First Class Instructor and an NFA course that he took in 2014.

Staff recommends approval pending his passing the Instructor reciprocity test.

- D. James Greeson, State Fire Marshal report;
- E Joe Romero, Director of Training report;
- F. John Buckman, fire training report;
  - 1) Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics Beta testing report
  - 2) Separating Instructor II and III
  - 3) Renewing Instructor using IFSAC as reciprocity
  - 4) old certs vs new certs
  - 5) retest policy
- G. Open Discussion
  - 1. Fire and Public Safety Academy
    - a. Boards level of involvement
- H. Legal Issues:
  - 1. Administrative Cause No. 14-27; William Ortiz
- J Old business;
- K. New business;
- L Meeting adjourned

## **NEXT MEETING:**

Sept 28, 6 pm Ivy Tech Homeland Security/Public Safety Tech 4 Building 1313 Touby Pike Kokomo IN 46901 317-496-9625